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Alice H. Howe )

Docket No.: MPH 99-46

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Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
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103 18 203 9	Claims in excess of 20		
102 78 202 39	Independent claims in excess of 3		
104 260 204 130	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid		
109 78 209 39	** Reissue independent claims over original patent		
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139 130 139 130	Non-English specification		
147 2,520 147 2,520	For filing a request for reexamination		
112 920* 112 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action		
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115 110 215 55	Extension for reply within first month		
116 380 216 190	Extension for reply within second month		
117 870 217 435	Extension for reply within third month		
118 1,360 218 680	Extension for reply within fourth month		
128 1,850 228 925	Extension for reply within fifth month		
119 300 219 150	Notice of Appeal		
120 300 220 150	Filing a brief in support of an appeal		
121 260 221 130	Request for oral hearing		
138 1,510 138 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding		
140 110 240 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable		
141 1,210 241 605	Petition to revive - unintentional		
142 1,210 242 605	Utility issue fee (or reissue)		
143 430 243 215	Design issue fee		
144 580 244 290	Plant issue fee		
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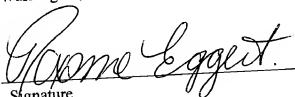
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